Bill of Rights Activity

Social Studies Power Standard – Civics/US History -- Analyze and evaluate the ways in which the US Constitution and other fundamental documents promote key ideals/principles.

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Date_____ Period_____

Directions: The situations below are <u>NOT</u> allowed by the Bill of Rights. Read each situation, then write down the <u>amendment</u> that prohibits the action and a brief explanation <u>why it violates the amendment</u> (in the space provided).

1. Luke was found innocent of armed robbery, but the state decided to bring him to trial again anyway.

2. After being found guilty of driving while intoxicated, the court ordered that Carolyn spend the next 30 years in solitary confinement.

3. The citizens of Upper Creek voted to double the taxes of all Catholics.

4. In a civil trial where the dispute was more than $20, both sides were denied a jury trial.

5. For no apparent reason, the police stopped Rita while she was driving and began to search through the trunk and her personal luggage.

6. The US Attorney General ordered all American citizens to turn in their rifles and hand guns by noon on Saturday.

7. Judge M.T. Nasty ordered a doctor to cut off the right hand of Marty, a convicted pickpocket.

8. The federal government decided state governments were no longer necessary.

9. The president declared that the only rights Americans have are those listed in the first eight amendments.

10. A US representative prohibited a local newspaper from printing an editorial that was critical of her voting record.

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11. During peacetime the US Army orders the residents of Seaville to house its soldiers.

12. A group of labor leaders was told that they could not conduct a peaceful rally in the town square.

13. Henry was arrested for shoplifting, but was not brought to trial for 10 years.

14. The judge insisted that the defendant take the stand and explain his actions on the night of the alleged crime.

15. The police decided to place a “bug” in Kevin’s home telephone in the hopes that they would uncover some kind of crime.

16. Congress passed a law banning the practice of Buddhism in the United States.

17. Congress told the state of Montana that it would no longer be able to issue marriage licenses.

18. Melissa was arrested and placed in jail without being informed of the nature or cause of the accusation.

19. After be charged with arson, Nate was denied the right of counsel for his defense.

20. Judge Stone placed Kyle’s bail for cheating on a high school test at $500,000.

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